

OHA Advisory Committee Meeting
January 20, 2015
12:00-12:30 pm
(1st Quarter meeting)

Meeting Summary

Meeting convened at 12:05 pm

Attendance: Members Present –Mark DeWaele, Dina Berlyn
 Members Absent – Steve Karp, Keith Stover, Gary Collins
 One Vacancy

1. Welcome & Approval of Agenda

- a. Agenda approved –

2. Administration Report

a. Budget

- LM reported that OHA's budget was raised from approx. \$2.8 million to \$6.0 million, mainly because of SIM's budget of \$3.2 million and the addition of a couple of positions to develop a behavioral health clearinghouse pursuant to P.A. 14-115 and to further expand OHA's collaboration with DCF.

b. Personnel

- LM reported the hiring of staff under the CAP grant (1 staff attorney 2, 1 UR Nurse and 1 outreach position).
- LM reported the promotion of Valerie Wyzkowski to Manager and the second Manager, Dori Peruccio, starting on 2/9/15.
- LM reported on the refilling of the vacant Nurse Consultant position to a Nurse Advocate position specific to OHA. Per DAS when Nurse Consultants vacate position, will be refilled with Nurse Advocate with only two Nurse Consultants remaining at OHA.
- LM reported the refilling of the DCF VS Nurse Consultant position approved by DAS, now making the rounds through the approval process.

c. Project reports

- SIM Report – Mark was not available for the call.
- Access Health CT and CAP Grant – LM reported that AHCT gave OHA one staff person from October through December 2014 to assist with the AHCT cases. **DF reported on the year round NIPA program**
- DCF – LM reported that hiring of Mobile UR Nurse to help facilitate the precert/auth, concurrent review with DCF licensed providers and facilities. DAS has agreed that the vacated Nurse Consultant position should remain a Nurse Consultant under this project.

- Duals Ombudsman Program – LM reported that DSS has been going back and forth with CMS over the data collection piece and their MOU has not yet been signed. OHA cannot move forward with the Ombudsman portion until the MOU with DSS and CMS is complete.
- Governor’s Behavioral Health Initiative – DF reported
- BH Clearinghouse – DF reported

3. Consumer Relations Report – LM reported on the data report and explanation of lower savings for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters being attributed to the loss of seasoned Manager and new staff still coming up to speed with process.

4. Legal/Legislative Report – Demian reported that the office is preparing a legislative agenda and is in discussions to determine exactly what the agenda will include.

7. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.